Agreement on Ceasefire in Nagaland

1418. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a six-point agreement was signed between the Union Government and the Khaplong and Isak-Muivas factions of NSCN;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement; and

(c) whether the move to extend the ceasefire to the areas of Manipur is included in that agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Bomb Blast in Pooja Express

1419. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed and injured following a bomb blast in the New Delhi bound Pooja Express from Jammu recently and the details of compensation paid;

(b) whether the blast took place due to security lapse;

(c) what are the details of investigations made into the incident; and

(d) what strategy is contemplated by Government to avoid such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Government of Himachal Pradesh have intimated that 14 persons were killed and 47 were injured in the said bomb blast and the State Government has paid an *ex-gratia* of Rs. 25,000/- to each of the next of kins of those killed Rs. 45,000/- have been distributed to 9 seriously injured persons.

(b) and (c) As per the information received from the Government of Himachal Pradesh,- this bomb blast appears to be the handiwork of

Sikh/Kashmiri militants, who have been indulging in such subversive actions from time to time. Police has registered a case which is under investigation.

(d) Central Government has been regularly sensitising the State Governments to undertake appropriate preventive measures by way of gathering of tactical intelligence, close surveillance of vulnerable places, regular patrolling of sensitive areas and installations and anti-sabotage checks etc. Special intelligence inputs received from time to time are shared with the State Governments.

Ghising's Speech for Separate Country

1420. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that on 5th September, 1999 in a public meeting at Darjeeling. Mr. Subhas Ghising declared his intentions to form separate country with separate army, currency and national anthem; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take against such seditious speech?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) As per available information, Shri Subash Ghisingh, Chairman, Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council (DGHC), at a public meeting in Darjeeling on October 5, 1999, had said that the Central Government should place the DGHC under the VI Schedule of the Constitution, give it full autonomy and fix its jurisdiction.

Government is keeping a close watch over the developments.

Social Restructuring in Ladakh

1421. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA) had submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister that the State Government had been engineering social restructuring in Ladakh to make it a Muslim dominant region and to accord Union territory status; and

(b) if so, the action taken on the memorandum so far?